

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 21-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-14, and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Claims 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 3, 7-10, 15, and 16 have been objected to but are otherwise allowable. Claim 1 and claims 21-23 have been amended. New claim 24 has been introduced. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. Accordingly, the pending claims will be 1-16 and 21-24 after entry of this response.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 3,603,664 to James ("James" or the "James Reference") in view of U.S. Patent Number 2,753,760 to Braymer ("Braymer" or the "Braymer Reference"). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in view of the above amendments and for the reasons provide below.

The James reference discloses a telescope-mounting system 10 that includes a telescope 18 and a supporting base 16. The telescope 18 includes a concave mirror 24, a second mirror 25, and a diagonal mirror 26, which are disposed along a common optic axis A₀. See, e.g., James, col. 3, lines 11-19. Further, Figure 1 of the Braymer reference also shows mirrors or prisms 5, 6, 8, and 21 that are all disposed along a common optic axis. Such arrangements subject an observer's eye(s) to the harsh rays of the sun, which the arrangement of the present invention avoids.

Indeed, claims 1 and 21 have been amended to recite that "the at least two light folding devices are not all disposed along a common optic axis." Accordingly, the

Applicant asserts that, the James reference in view of the Braymer reference does not make the present invention obvious.

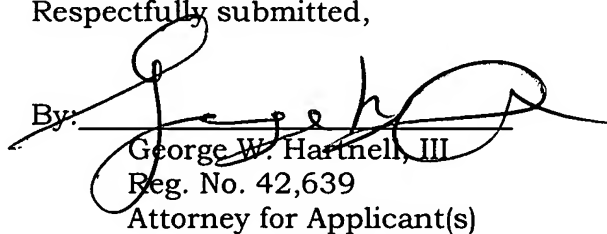
Furthermore, in James, the mirrors 24, 25, and 26 reflect incident light to an eyepiece or camera 28 that is disposed outside or on the outer periphery of the housing 14. See, e.g., Id., col. 3, lines 20-25. Accordingly, James does not arrange mirrors so that the image of the sun is provided on and immediately viewable on an interior surface of the telescope frame.

Accordingly, the Applicant asserts that, independent claims 1 and 21 and all claims depending therefrom are not made obvious by the cited references and, further, satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 100 et seq., especially § 103(a). As such, the Applicant believes that the claims are allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

The Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason the fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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